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the State, and the State will be able to ensure that FAPE remains available to all eligible children with disabilities in the State if the Secretary provides the requested waiver.

- (f) A State may receive a waiver of the requirement of section 612(a)(18)(A) of the Act and §300.164 if it satisfies the requirements of paragraphs (b) through (e) of this section.
- (g) The Secretary may grant subsequent waivers for a period of one year each, if the Secretary determines that the State has provided clear and convincing evidence that all eligible children with disabilities throughout the State have, and will continue to have throughout the one-year period of the waiver, FAPE available to them.

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 $\begin{array}{lll} \mbox{(Authority:} & 20 & \mbox{U.S.C.} & 1412(a)(17)(C), \\ \mbox{(18)(C)(ii))} & \end{array}$

§ 300.165 Public participation.

- (a) Prior to the adoption of any policies and procedures needed to comply with Part B of the Act (including any amendments to those policies and procedures), the State must ensure that there are public hearings, adequate notice of the hearings, and an opportunity for comment available to the general public, including individuals with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities.
- (b) Before submitting a State plan under this part, a State must comply with the public participation requirements in paragraph (a) of this section and those in 20 U.S.C. 1232d(b)(7).

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(19); 20 U.S.C. 1232d(b)(7))

§ 300.166 Rule of construction.

In complying with §§ 300.162 and 300.163, a State may not use funds paid to it under this part to satisfy Statelaw mandated funding obligations to LEAs, including funding based on student attendance or enrollment, or inflation.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(20))

STATE ADVISORY PANEL

§ 300.167 State advisory panel.

The State must establish and maintain an advisory panel for the purpose of providing policy guidance with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities in the State.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(21)(A))

§ 300.168 Membership.

- (a) General. The advisory panel must consist of members appointed by the Governor, or any other official authorized under State law to make such appointments, be representative of the State population and be composed of individuals involved in, or concerned with the education of children with disabilities, including—
- (1) Parents of children with disabilities (ages birth through 26);
 - (2) Individuals with disabilities:
 - (3) Teachers;
- (4) Representatives of institutions of higher education that prepare special education and related services personnel;
- (5) State and local education officials, including officials who carry out activities under subtitle B of title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, (42 U.S.C. 11431 *et seq.*);
- (6) Administrators of programs for children with disabilities;
- (7) Representatives of other State agencies involved in the financing or delivery of related services to children with disabilities:
- (8) Representatives of private schools and public charter schools;
- (9) Not less than one representative of a vocational, community, or business organization concerned with the provision of transition services to children with disabilities;
- (10) A representative from the State child welfare agency responsible for foster care: and
- (11) Representatives from the State juvenile and adult corrections agencies.